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1. Before the reorganization of Czech industry in 1948, the plant at Filakovo (Q49/D20) was a part of the enterprise Kovosmalt managed from Bratislava. The new name eventually assigned to this plant will probably contain the word Filakovo since it is considered the mark of fine enamelled goods. This plant is now an independent national enterprise and employs approximately 2,000 workers.
 2. Although the Filakovo plant is best known for its enamelled goods, the plant produces boilers and heavy agricultural machinery as well as enamelled and tinned kitchen pots, tinned milk cans, glass vacuum bottles, and a large number of household articles. Its decorative enamelled products are items of export. The plant also produces approximately 25,000 stoves per year and an undetermined number of ovens of two types.
 3. The factory buildings and machine equipment are in very poor condition. The buildings are cheaply built wooden sheds, and although they are gradually being replaced, modernization of the entire plant will take eight years at the present rate. A new foundry was completed in the spring of 1949, and a few new machines were installed in the tool shop. However, the remainder of the equipment must be repaired continually in order for the plant to continue functioning. The principal production machinery consists of about 150 presses of various types. There are also about 50 lathes and 120 small drilling machines used in finishing operations.
 4. A large percentage of the workers at the Filakovo plant are Hungarians. Because of this, and the fact that it is close to the border, the plant has received no orders for military production from the Ministry of National Defense.
 5. The management of the Filakovo plant also supervises a small foundry near Cinobana (Q49/D02) employing 60 workers. This is a very poorly equipped plant and of very little importance.

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